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SUBJECT: REACTION TO DEFEAT OF U.S. SUGAR ACT

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1. NEWS OF THE HOUSE DEFEAT OF LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE U.S. SUGAR ACT PROVOKED DISAPPOINTMENT FROM THE SUGAR MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, AND AN EDITORIAL HOPING THAT THE SENATE WILL REVIVE THE ACT, BUT NO OFFICIAL REACTION (AS YET) FROM THE GOTT. PHIL DE CARTERET, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRY GROUP, TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE HOUSE ACTION WAS "INJURIOUS TO OUR INTEREST AND A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT," ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE WORLD BANK FINANCING OBTAINED BY TRINIDAD TO MODERNIZE AND MECHANIZE THE INDUSTRY. THE LEADING MORNING DAILY, THE GUARDIAN, EDITORIALIZED THAT THE LOSS OF THE GUARANTEED U.S. MARKET "CAN ONLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THOSE WHO DEPEND UPON SUGAR IN 30 OR MORE COUNTRIES," AND NOTED THAT THE TIMING WAS ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF THE UNCERTAINTY REGARDING

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE AFRICAN, PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN

COUNTRIES AND THE EEC.

2. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE GUARDIAN GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO A WIRE SERVICE STORY FROM WAHSINGTON WHICH STATED THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION "VIEWS THE HOUSE ACTION AS AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY." THAT PAPER ALSO SPECULATED THAT IF THE SENATE DOES REVIVE THE BILL, IT IS QUESTIONABLE IF A NEW BILL COULD ESCAPE A PRESIDENTIAL VETO. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION FROM THE GOTT, PROBABLY DUE TO INTENSE INVOLVEMENT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN LAST FRIDAY'S MEETING OF THREE REGIONAL PRIME MINISTERS. NEVERTHELESS, WE EXPECT THAT THE GOTT WILL EVENTUALLY REACT BY DEPLORING HOUSE ACTION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE'S COMMENTS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARRY SHLAUDEMAN REPORTED REFTEL. RICH

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